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Hongkong, August 23, 1901. 1754

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, July 30, 1901. 1573

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SPOTTED CAT, with a Red Ribbon
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ing same to
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Hongkong, August 22, 1901. 1748

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J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, August 17, 1901. 1733

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF LEOPOLD SUEDER, late of
Victoria, Hongkong, Deceased.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court,
this day, by virtue of Section 38 of
Ordinance No. 24 of 1875, made an Order
limiting the time for Creditors and others
to send in their Claims against the above
Estate, to the 1st day of October, 1901.
All Creditors are hereby required to send
in to their Claims to the undersigned on
or before said date.
Dated the 24th day of June, 1901.
DEACON & HASTINGS,
Solicitors for
The Administrator of the above Estate.
1325

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NOTICE is hereby given that a First
and Final DIVIDEND of 24 cents
per PREFERENCE SHARE will be PAID.
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PREFERENCE SHARES at their earliest con-
venience to the Undersigned, who upon
payment of the above Dividend will be
made.
M. BENNETT,
Liquidator.
Hongkong, August 23, 1901. 1757

Company Notices.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 10 / per Share
and BONUS of 8 / per Share for the
Six Months ending 30th June, 1901, de-
clared at Monday's Ordinary Half-Yearly
Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the premises
of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI EXCHANGE
Commissioners, on and after TUESDAY,
the 20th August, and Shareholders are
requested to apply for DIVIDEND WAT-
TAINS at the Company's Office, Queen's
Building, New Ferry.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 19, 1901. 1735

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the
Rate of 1 / (Two Dollars and Fifty
Cents per SHARE) for the Six Months
ending 30th June, 1901, will be PAID to
those Persons who are Registered as Share-
holders in the above Company on the 30th
August, 1901.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 22nd to
the 30th Instant, both days inclusive.
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 15, 1901. 1709

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TION on or before 3 p.m., on the 27th of
August, 1901, upon forms which may be
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the undersigned.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, August 14, 1901. 1693

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS
are requested to send in a STATEMENT
of Business contributed during the Half-
Year ended 30th June, 1901, on or before
the 10th September, on which date the
Accounts will be CLOSED.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 22, 1901. 1741

Business Notices.

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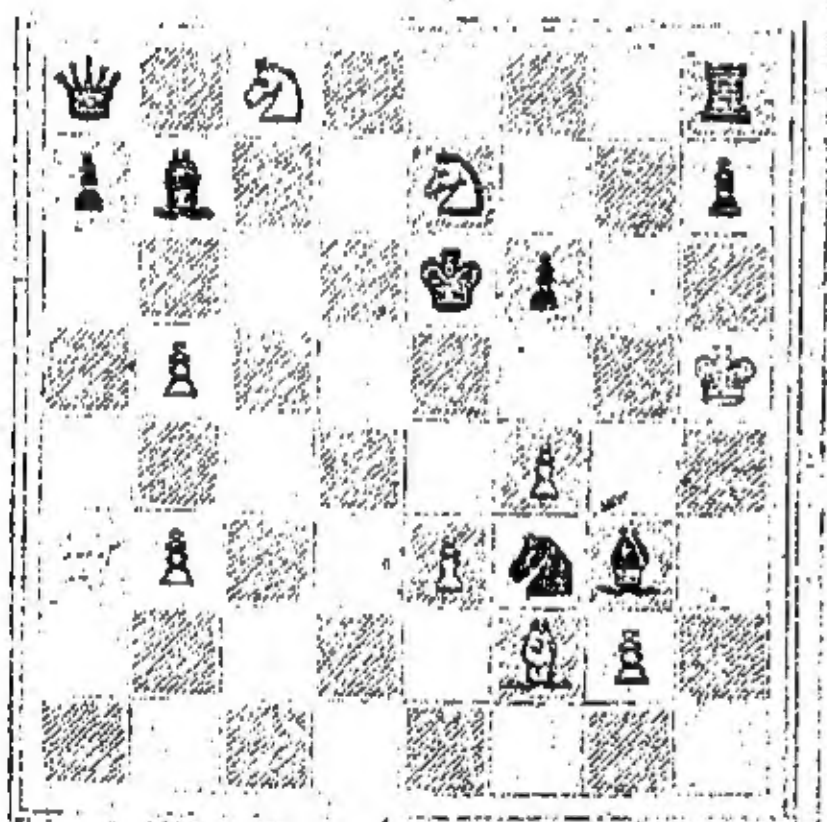
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Library, 18, Bank Buildings.

Problem No. 28.
Black (10 Pieces.)



White (10 Pieces.)

White to play and mate in three moves.

The following is the correct line of play
in last week's end game:-

White. Black.
1 Q-K8 ch K-Q4
2 R-B6 ch K-Q4
3 R-K8 ch K-B2
4 R-B4 ch K-B3
5 R-B4 ch K-B3
6 P-P ch R-R
7 R-Q7 ch K-R
8 B-K2 mate.

(a) If 1...K-K2, then 2 Kt-Q4,
Kt-Kt; 3 P-B6 ch, Kt-Kt; 4 R-K7
ch, etc.

B.B.: Your rebuke is well deserved, and
I apologise. The only excuse I can ad-
vance—and I know it is lame though true
—is that I had not an opportunity of read-
ing the "proof" before the solution appear-
ed, and so some printer's errors crept in.
I may look you up when I have an evening
to spare.

In the course of a lecture on the
principles of the game of chess, delivered a
few weeks ago, at the Manhattan Chess
Club, Dr. Lasker said that Steinitz had
not been understood by the world, and
claimed for him that he had revolutionised
the theories. Steinitz asked a question
which had not been previously considered:
—Why wait for the other man to attack?
Why not both attack? Following
up this line of thought, he built
up the conception of the balance of posi-

tion. If the balance of position be
disturbed, you must attack; if the balance
of position be not disturbed, it is not safe
to attack. If a piece be so placed that it
cannot be attacked, it is strongly placed;
and the balance is lost as soon as a point
becomes vulnerable. There is great depth
in Steinitz's theory; and its value is shown
by actual play.

To-day gives the following as an am-
using gamelet recently played at the Munich
Chess Club, between four amateurs, each
consulting on each side:-

White. Black.
1 P-K4 P-Q4
2 Kt-Kt3 Kt-Q4
3 Kt-B3 P-K3
4 P-Q4 Kt-B3
5 P-Q5 Kt-Q4
6 P-Q6 P-K3
7 P-K5 Kt-R2
8 B-Q3 P-B4
9 B-K3 P-Q4
10 R-Q5 P-Kt8
11 R-KtP P-Kt8
12 P-P B-Q4

And Black resigned (-).

(c) The cause of all subsequent trouble-
some play is absolutely essential.
(d) The only chance.
(e) Because the least loss with which
Black can now escape is a Rook and a
Bishop; and all as a consequence of the
non-exchange of the Q-P early in the game.

The following game was played in the
New South Wales championship contest:-

White. Black.
(Mr. E. N. Wallace). (Dr. L. B. Lancaster)
1 P-K4 P-K4
2 Kt-Kt3 Kt-Q4
3 B-B4 Kt-B3
4 Castles B-B4
5 P-Q4 P-Q4
6 P-K3 P-K3
7 P-Kt3 P-Kt3
8 R-Kt3 R-Kt3
9 R-Kt5 R-Kt5
10 Kt-Q4 Kt-Q4
11 R-K4 R-K4
12 P-Kt4 P-Kt4
13 Kt-B4 Kt-B4
14 P-P P-P
15 B-Kt5 B-Kt5
16 P-B3 P-B3
17 Kt-B6 ch Kt-B6
18 R-P R-P
19 R-Kt4 R-Kt4
20 Q-R-Kt3 Q-R-Kt3
21 R-P (Bt) R-P
22 P-Q4 Kt-Q4
23 P-R4 P-R4
24 R-Q4 R-Q4
25 Q-R-Kt4 Q-R-Kt4
26 Q-R-Kt4 Q-R-Kt4
27 Kt-B4 Kt-B4
28 R-Kt5 R-Kt5
29 P-R4 P-R4
30 P-R4 P-R4
31 P-R4 P-R4
32 K-Kt3 K-Kt3
33 K-Kt3 K-Kt3
34 K-B3 K-B3

(a) If P-K4 is said to result in
White's favour.
(b) Best. If P-K4 is said to result in
Black's favour.
(c) A well-played and far-seeing move.
(d) 26 Q-Q4 should have been played.
(e) Evidently correct. If 28 K-K2,
then 28...P-Q4 ch would win the
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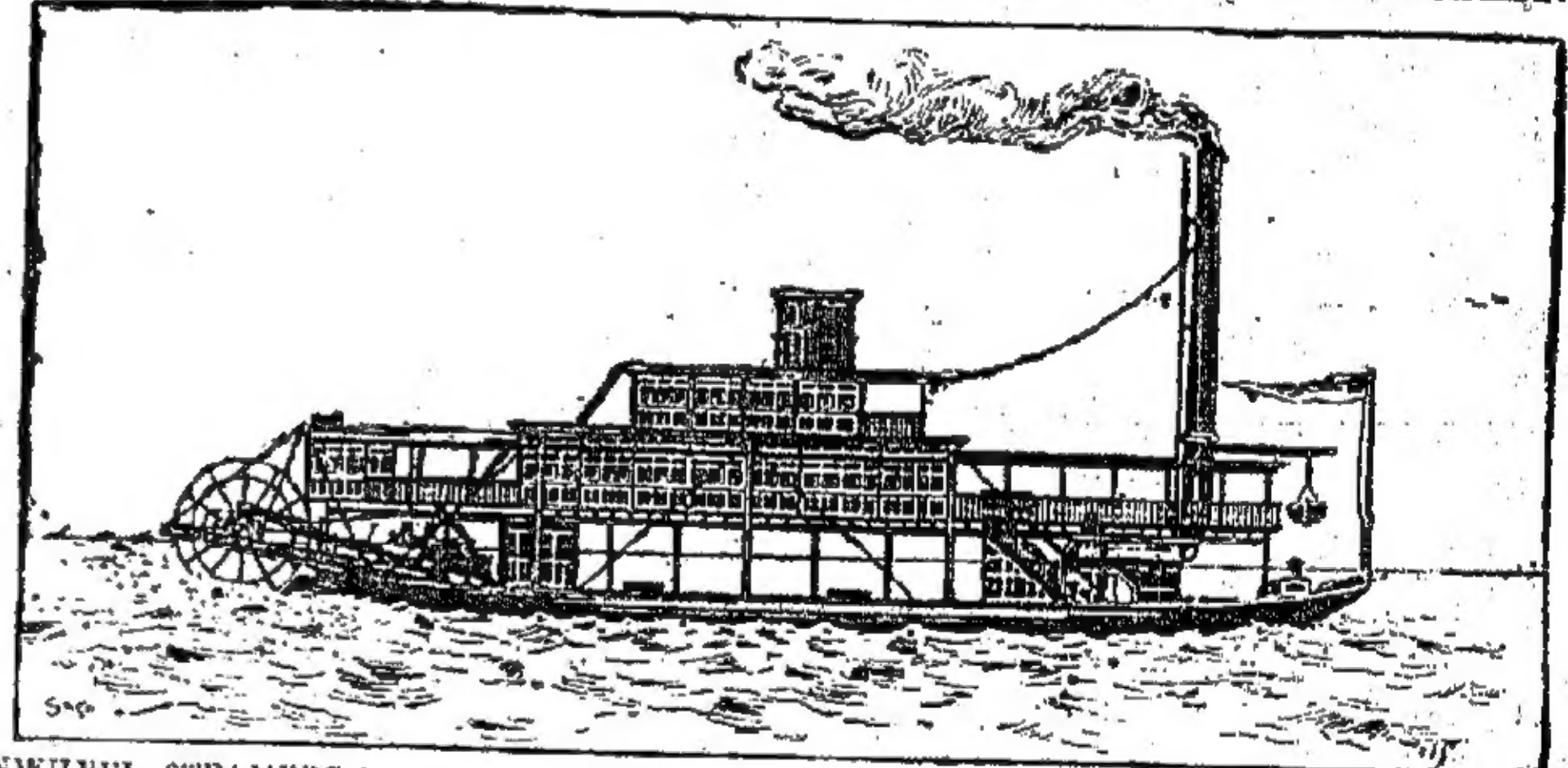
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DEATH.

At the Peak Hospital, Hongkong, on the morning of 24th August, ELLEN ELIZA, Wife of P. J. Beck, of H.M. Naval Yard; aged 38 years.

The Funeral will leave the Royal Naval Hospital at 9 a.m. To-morrow (Sunday).

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.15 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1901.

Those who are able to read a thoughtful book during the month of August in Hongkong, in order to possess themselves of the facts, thoughts and ideals of the author, cannot do better than secure the recently published volume by Dr. Gibson on 'Mission Problems and Mission Methods in South China.' They will find here the words of a keen observer, an independent thinker, and a vigorous writer. The volume contains twelve lectures, delivered to students in Scotland, and for keenness of vision and vigour of expression, the lectures cannot easily be outdone. The larger half of his work, our author has devoted to the problems before him, but some of the lectures deal with certain fundamental aspects of Chinese religion and social life which will be found of interest to all intelligent and fair-minded laymen. There are rays of light that break forth, that lighten up the problems, and at no time will the reader find the pages dull. It is well that there should be at the present time a faithful and fearless delineation of the problems and methods that occupy the attention of missionaries in China, and that men should read it. Whatever attitude may be assumed by the European in the Far East towards these questions, he cannot get away from the fact that he is part and parcel of the great whole, and can no more escape his relationship thereto, than the veriest saint and reformer can avoid his relationship to the drunken daredevil who lies full length in the gutter by three o'clock in the afternoon.

It is refreshing, moreover, to read a new book, where we are not confronted by such phrases as 'comp d'etat,' 'the tragedy of 1900,' 'the notorious Barrage Dangers,' 'the blood-curdling massacres.' As far as any cognisance is taken of these things, they might as well have happened in the days of Genghis Khan. The author, although we can easily understand that he would be tempted to turn aside thereto, devotes himself bravely and calmly to his work, and does not allow himself to be diverted by any cause whatsoever. His purpose is outlined in the following words: 'I hope to speak to you with perfect candour of difficulties, drawbacks, discouragements, dangers; but these in no way lessen the confidence with which I say once for all at the outset that the whole result of my experience in my mission work, as I have seen it, is thoroughly satisfactory. Not that we are satisfied, but a crucial experiment has been made. We know what can be done, and can predict results. What has been already accomplished gives ample ground for wonder, thankfulness and hope. No missionary should be satisfied, but few missionaries need be and few are disappointed. Older writers, from the days of Marco Polo onwards, have been accustomed to paint China as a land of unparalleled marvels, on which Providence has lavished gifts with a stilted hand, and where the people enjoyed every conceivable blessing. We have here a refreshing glimpse of the recorded opinion of a naval surgeon, on the language of the people, and this deliverance, too, is all the more reliable—so says the surgeon—because he enjoyed singular 'opportunities for investigation.' After some remarks on the literary language of the people, the gallant naval Hippocrates goes on to say, 'The oral tongue is much more imperfect, to such extent, that the Chinese will scarcely answer the most simple question unless it is expressed in writing. . . . This poverty of language obliges the Chinese to appear a very grave, reserved people, as they sit together frequently for a length of time without exchanging a word; and when they do speak, the sense is made out rather by observing the countenance and action of the lips than by regulated sounds.' We suppose that this pioneer 'investigator' of things Chinese, having seen two boatwomen quarrelling, assumed that their meaning was conveyed by gesticulation, and that the shouts were unmeaning sounds. Probably to him they were! Dr. Gibson denounces in unmistakable language the custom, much belauded by the Chi-

nese, in conformity with which widows immolate themselves in order that they may 'accompany their husbands into the other world.' 'These unhappy widows, down, hang, strangle, or poison themselves, sometimes in private and sometimes with the utmost publicity. The most popular form of this custom is that in which the high local mandarins are invited to be present. They select the hour and the day for the ceremony, and public announcement is made of it. The widow appears dressed in her finest clothing, visits her own family and friends in the neighbourhood, and feasts with them.' She then betakes herself to a decorated public platform erected in a public place, where she receives the compliments of the mandarins, who prostrate themselves before her. When these preliminaries are over, she hangs herself in the presence of the whole concourse, which then disperses, with universal congratulations on the glory accruing to the family through this performance. Representations made through the high officials to the Imperial government secure for the family the further honour of having a great stone archway erected at the expense of the government, either in front of the house or in a neighbouring street, with inscriptions in honour of the woman who has thus proved her devotion.' The author's criticism of Buddhism is trenchant and the description of it realistic; but those who know the facts know that these outlines are from the hand of a master. 'The priest shuffles up to you with sallow sensual face, and offers tea. You accept the courtesy, and a subscription book is handed to you; and he asks for an offering. You explain that you cannot offer for temple worship, but will give him a gratuity for any trouble you have caused. You take the opportunity to inquire about his goals and his beliefs, but the subject does not interest him, and his only point is to beg for a larger gratuity. All you can learn by inquiry about the meaning of the images and the worship offered to them is that he knows little and cares less, either about the founder of his religion, or about the great ideas of the Buddhist faith. One is glad to escape from the importunities of the priest and his colleagues and to be out again among the beggars and the gamblers.' One of the most powerful passages from the pen of Carlyle describes the breaking forth of the first ray of light upon a newly awakened soul. The sage's brilliant imagery is perhaps equalled for effect by the direct and simple statement on the part of a Chinese who had experienced it. Let the reader see this beautiful passage for himself.

The much discussed but really very difficult question of how far a missionary should, and how far he does, interfere in native lawsuits is here fully dealt with, and no one will say that Dr. Gibson has spared himself or his colleagues. 'Even when it is true that a man has become a Christian, and that his profession of the Christian faith has led to an outbreak of hostility against him, the case may not by any means be one of pure persecution for the Gospel's sake. It may be only the last chapter of a quarrel which has no connection with religion, but which has been going on with varying fortunes for years and possibly for generations before. When Christians were very few and opposition violent and keen, missionaries were no doubt led to give unwelcome vent to their sympathy with those who seemed to be suffering for their Christian profession.' The author condemns this action and would apparently reduce it to the minimum, a line of conduct that most Protestant Missionaries habitually follow. The development of a genuine Christian character is beginning to be so marked that even non-Christian Chinese are beginning to observe it, and native Christians are beginning to be trusted in a way that is very gratifying. 'A wooden bridge, which carried the road over a stream on the outskirts of the village, was recently in need of extensive repairs, and the headmen proposed to rebuild it more substantially of stone. On consulting the villagers, with a view to their subscribing to the funds, they were told that subscriptions would come in more freely, if the money, and the carrying out of the work, were put, not in the hands of the ordinary headmen, but in those of the heads of the Christian community.' Every reasonable man will rejoice to read the following passage, which showed that among thoughtful and matured missionaries the gravity of the situation is not unperceived, and that they are not heedless and thoughtless of the consequences of their faith in

China: 'Those who undertake to carry on mission work among great peoples undertake great responsibilities. We have no right to penetrate these nations with a revolutionary Gospel of enormous power, unless we are prepared to make every sacrifice and every effort for the proper care and the wise training of the organization of the Christian community itself which, while it must become increasingly a source of revolutionary thought and movement, is also the only body that can by the help and grace of God give these far-reaching movements a healthy direction, and lead them to safe and happy issues.'

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

To-day is recognised by the Chinese as the end of the hot season.

At Kato, on the 6th inst., the thermometer registered 94.5 in the shade.

Mr. Numa Masachi has been appointed Japanese Consul at Hongkong, and Mr. Yamashiki Kei, Consul at Hankow.

A Belgian pigeon which won a great race from Burgos, in Spain, to Brussels, did the 703 miles in fourteen hours—that is, at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

The Ferdinand wife of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Este, nephew of the Emperor Joseph of Austria, and heir-presumptive to the throne of that country, has given birth to a daughter.

Captain Howard Blackburn has made another trip across the Atlantic in his small craft of four tons burden. Leaving the port of Gloucester, in Massachusetts, he reached Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, in 38½ days.

The Kaiser Wilhelm Canal, which connects the North Sea with the Baltic, and is 61 miles in length, is reported to be silted up. The canal was opened on June 19, 1890, and took eight years in construction. The cost was estimated at £7,300,000.

A terrible storm of hail has devastated the crops for a distance of 20 verst (over 13 miles), at Schlatka and Tumbkoff, in Russia. Many of the hailstones weighed three pounds. The storm caused a flood, and many cattle, flocks of sheep, and several shepherds were drowned.

Transport Movements.

The German transport *Bahia* arrived at Singapore from Hamburg, on the 10th inst. She has 17 officers and 698 soldiers on board bound for Taku. The German transport *Wittich* arrived from Bremen also bound for Taku. She has 604 soldiers on board. The French transport *Alexander III*, Capt. Blanc, arrived from Taku on the 17th inst. She had 22 officers and 677 soldiers on board and was bound for Oran, Algeria.

Water Polo.

There was again a very large concourse of spectators at the V.R.C. Kowloon enclosure yesterday to see the semi-final in the Water Polo Shield Competition. The players were the 26th Co., E.D., R.A., and the Royal Welch Fusiliers (Right). Odds were slightly in favour of the gunners, but the Fusiliers played the better game, and won an exciting game by 5 goals to 3. But for the excellent goalkeeping of the Artillery custodian, the winners' score might have been heavier. The Fusiliers played the V.R.C. 'C' team in the final this afternoon. This should be one of the finest water polo matches ever witnessed in Hongkong.

The Cape Rebels.

Two rebels have been executed at Kenhardt and two at Middelburg. Thirteen rebels at Dordrecht have been sentenced to penal servitude for life, and two others to five and ten years respectively. Some rebels have surrendered in the vicinity of Middelburg. In the case of nine rebels who were recently sentenced to death at Graaff Reinet, Cape Colony, the sentence has been commuted in four instances to penal servitude for life in Bermuda, while the remaining five are to undergo varying terms of imprisonment. Mr. Brodrick stated in the House of Commons that 20 disloyalists alone were ordered to attend the recent execution of the rebel Coetzee at Middelburg. The execution took place privately in the prison yard. Mr. Brodrick stated in the House of Commons that there had been only one instance of burghers having been compelled to attend the execution of a rebel. In this case the circumstances were exceptional, and it was no doubt done with the intention of expressing a deterrent effect on the disaffected Dutch.

Judge—'Do you understand the nature of an oath? Do you know what will happen if you do not tell the truth in this case?' Witness—'To be hanged, boss. Our side will win.'

The Diplomat's Solution.

And if an irresistible force meets an immovable body? suggested the speculative philosopher. 'The situation,' indeed, would be critical, admitted the eminent diplomat, 'but with mutual restraint and reasonable concessions, I see no reason to despair of an amicable settlement.'

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Fine Old German Whisky.

'Fine old German Whisky' is the latest novelty on the Bangkok market. Users are advised to keep a sharp eye on the Trade Mark. Let us hope that no unprincipled Scotch or Irish whisky blender will counterfeit it.

Japan's Sugar Tax Law.

Imperial Ordinance No. 155 has been issued, announcing that the Sugar Consumption Tax Law shall be put in force in Formosa on and after the 1st October next. It is added (says the *Kobe Chronicle* of the 9th inst.) that the Regulations relating to the operation of the Law shall be determined by the Governor-General of Formosa.

Hot Weather in Japan.

The temperature in the shade at Yokohama on the 5th inst. was 95 degrees Fahr. Since the rainy weather prevailing last month cleared up, says the *Yokohama Herald*, there has been no rainfall, and it is prognosticated that as fine weather will continue for some time, the heat will gradually increase. At present the roads leading to Honmoku and Nagasaki are in an awful state with dust, and a day's plentiful downpour would be greatly appreciated.

Japanese Petroleum.

The petroleum industry in Japan has made remarkable developments of late years. At the end of June last 67 companies, with an aggregate capital of yen 15,729,498, of which yen 5,328,498 was paid up, were engaged in the work. Compared with the corresponding period of last year, this is an increase of 11 in the number of companies, of yen 15,823,120 in the amount of subscribed capital, and of yen 2,763,038 in the amount of capital paid up.

The Plague at Kuala Lumpur.

Owing to plague bacilli having been discovered in some rats found dead in a house in Kuala Lumpur, which is identical with that found in the bodies of the two Chinamen who recently died of plague there, the Health Officer there is now conducting experiments with a view to destroying rats by means of introducing among them a disease resembling typhoid fever, but which is harmless to man and domestic animals. A reward of 5 cents now given for each rat brought to the Incinerator, Kuala Lumpur, has been raised to 12 cents for a period of one month.

An Unlucky Date.

Even the least superstitious are often struck by the misfortunes which attend some persons on certain dates. A large firm in the City (says the *Daily Chronicle*) has in its employ a living instance of the fact. One June 12 an employee lost his left arm by coming in contact with machinery. The accident disabled him for his then employment, and he was given that of a messenger. On another June 12 he was run over in the Strand, while on an errand, result, a broken leg. The next accident was a fall on the stairs in the firm's buildings, again June 12. The right arm was broken that time. The fourth mishap on another anniversary broke three ribs. The firm took the case into consideration, and issued an order that in future the employee was to take holiday on that date, an order with which he has now complied for some years.

Information Wanted.

It appears (says the *Kobe Chronicle*) that the Tokyo City authorities intend to send a gentleman abroad to inspect the construction of harbour works and waterworks, and also roads, information on the latter point to be collected with a view to the reconstruction of roads in Tokyo. It seems a curious juxtaposition—harbour works, waterworks and roads—and we very much doubt the utility of these inspections abroad, which seldom lead to anything. If the Japanese authorities would only take the trouble to read the simple rules of MacAdam on the work of road-making, they could save the expense of sending an expedition abroad for the purpose of investigation, and they could construct roads that would, as Mr. Gervais Holmes has shown, be durable and economical, without dust in the dry season, and devoid of mud in the wet.

A Snake Story.

A snake story from Bendigo begins the season, early says *The Australasian*. A cyclist, taking his usual Sunday out, ran over a snake which got very much mixed up with his hind wheel. The cyclist put on all steam, in order, if possible, to lather the creature to death but the faster he went, the more lively became his snakeship. The event became very exciting indeed, when at every turn of the wheel the serpent made an attempt to fasten his fangs on the small of the wheelman's back. For the life of him he could not see his way out of the adventure, until he espied a waterhole well ahead and, slightly off the track, then a happy thought struck him. Putting on all speed, he ran into it, taking a flying leap ahead into the muddy water. After vigorously flailing out his bike, he was a good deal disgusted to find that he had been holding from an old whip thorn.

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Selection 'Il Barbiere' Rossini
Song Star of Bethlehem Adams
Waltz Vision Waldbauer
Selection 'La Poupée' Andran
Song The Better Land Mills
'God Save the King.'

The Petroleum Accident in Sweden.

The American petroleum ship, *Louise Adelaide*, was blown up while in the harbour at Gothenburg, Sweden. The accident was caused by the Customs officials, who dropped a lighted match while they were sealing up the hatches. A terrible explosion ensued, and the ship was broken in two. Two Captain, nine members of the crew, and two Customs officials were killed.

China Wants her Torpedo Boats.

General Mei is once more in Tientsin, writes the correspondent of the *Mercure*, and has paid official visits to the different commanders, who have returned his calls at his present quarters, which are in a pawnshop in the native city. The efforts of the Chinese officials just now are directed largely to get back all they can of what was seized last year. Of course China was not at war with anyone! So steam-launches, torpedo boats, as well as loaded valuables, ought to be given back! Poor ill-used China, that cannot indulge in a boxer frolic if she choose, without being made the loser by wicked Western nations!

Germans Only Need Apply.

The German Government have arranged for efficient steamship service between that country and South African ports, to be maintained for fifteen years, for which very liberal subsidies are to be paid. One item included in the convention goes about as far in the way of protection as the most ardent Protectionist could wish for, and is as follows:—The new steamers must be constructed and fitted out in German yards, and German materials as far as possible are to be employed (says the *Canadian Manufacturer*); plans are to be submitted for the approval of the Imperial Chancellor; the supply of coals is to be from German sources when the ships are in the German, Dutch, or Belgian ports named; provisions to be supplied from German sources; no agreements are to be made with foreign governments concerning the carriage of mails, etc., without the sanction of the Imperial Chancellor; the Chancellor is authorized to prevent the import by these vessels into German, Dutch, and Belgian ports of all agricultural products of German agriculture, with the exception of tobacco, beeswax, skins, hides, and wool; German goods, or those destined for Germany, or goods from or to German protectorates, are to be forwarded before foreign goods destined for foreign places, if their shipments are notified to the company at the same time; employees as well as agents in foreign places must be German subjects.

Fatalities in the Mercantile Marine.

The *China Gazette* of the 19th inst. says:—Deaths and disaster have been remarkably busy of late amongst shipping men, and almost every other day recently we have had to record some misfortune amongst sea-faring men. On Saturday afternoon, the steamer *Warrior* arrived at Woomers, laden with oil from Batoum, with her second engineer in a terrible plight from a fall into the crank pit some days before. He was carried up to the Hospital, but it is feared he cannot recover, his legs and arms having been broken; in addition to other severe injuries. Later in the afternoon the river steamer *Ching On* arrived from Hankow with her chief officer, Mr. Clarke, dead on board, he having died with awful suddenness en route. He had not been feeling well, but insisted on going upon the bridge for his watch. Growing worse, he tried to reach his berth, but collapsed on the deck, and though carefully tended by the captain and his brother officers, he expired in a few minutes. An inquest was opened to-day. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned. To-day news was received at the British Shipping Office of the death of Mr. Shearer, second engineer of the C.N. Co.'s s.s. *Chango*. He was going ashore in a sampan at Swatow a few nights ago and appears to have walked overboard into deep water. Though efforts were made to save him, they were unsuccessful. The ship had to leave without his body having been recovered, but we understand it has since been found. A Board of Trade enquiry will be held.

A YOUNG LADY'S LIFE SAVED AT PANAMA, COLOMBIA, BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA, AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

Dr. Chas. H. Utor, a prominent physician of Panama, Colombia, in a recent letter states: 'Last March I had as a patient a young lady sixteen years of age, who had a very bad attack of dysentery. Everything I presented her with proved ineffectual, and she was growing worse every hour. Her parents were sure she would die. She had become so weak that she could not turn over in bed. What to do at this critical moment was a puzzle for me. I thought of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and as a last resort prescribed it. The most wonderful result was effected. Within eight hours she was feeling much better; inside of three days she was upon her feet; and at the end of one week was entirely well. For sale by All Dealers, WATKINS Ltd, General Agents.'

